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To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: WORLD AIDS DAY - 2 DECEMBER 1996

1. An observance of World AIDS Day will take place in the General Assembly Hall on 2 December 1996 from 3 to 4 p.m. Under the auspices of the President of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly and co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), the programme has the theme "One world. One hope". The President of the General Assembly will preside over the meeting and deliver his message for the day. The Secretary-General has also been invited to deliver his annual World AIDS Day message. Speakers include actress Elizabeth Taylor, Founding National Chairman, AmFAR; television host Cristina Saralegui, National Council Member, AmFAR; Martina Clark, NGO/PWA Liaison Officer, UNAIDS; Noerine Kaleeba, Community Mobilization Adviser, UNAIDS; and Marina Mahathir, President, Malaysian AIDS Council and Chairman, Malaysian AIDS Foundation.

2. World AIDS Day was established on 1 December 1988 by the World Health Organization, and its annual observance was mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/15 of 27 October 1988. Supervisors are encouraged to release their staff members to attend this event and to attend themselves, bearing in mind the needs of the service, in particular those related to the General Assembly. All supervisors are asked to exercise maximum flexibility to allow the greatest staff participation possible.

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